

I support the the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) request to delete Element 1 and give "Tech Plus" privileges to current Technician licensees.

I also support their request "take expedited action" to allow volunteer examiner coordinators (VECs) to discontinue administering Element 1 "as soon as possible," if possible, within the next 60 days.

I agree that the Amateur Service community suffers from the loss to its ranks of a large number of potentially excellent operators who are turned away because of the CW requirement.

With the WARC decision this summer there is no longer any reasonable justification for requiring an applicant to demonstrate this antiquated skill.

Further, most applicants never use Morse after they pass the test.

I will tell you that it is the CW Element 1 requirement and not the technical knowledge required that has prevented me for the last 10 years from upgrading my license.

The FCC does not require proof of the ability to use voice, RTTY, PSK, SSTV or other modes of communications. It is time that the CW requirement be eliminated.